



CHRIST
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Welcome to Worship

SUNDAY, APRIL 19, 2020

† Gathering Hymn: Lift Up, Lift Up Your Voices Now

† Call to Worship (from Psalm 118 ESV)

Pastor: Oh, give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever!

People: Let those who fear the Lord say, "His steadfast love endures forever."

Pastor: Out of my distress I called on the Lord; the Lord answered me and set me free.

People: I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation.

Pastor: You are my God, and I will give thanks to you; you are my God; I will extol you.

Unison: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever!

† Hymn: Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

† Invocation and the Lord's Prayer

First Scripture Readings

(Reader: Cathie Cheslak)

Acts 2:14a, 22-32 Responsive

¹⁴ Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd:

²² “Fellow Israelites, listen to this: Jesus of Nazareth was a man accredited by God to you by miracles, wonders and signs, which God did among you through him, as you yourselves know. ²³ This man was handed over to you by God’s deliberate plan and foreknowledge; and you, with the help of wicked men, put him to death by nailing him to the cross.

²⁴ But God raised him from the dead, freeing him from the agony of death, because it was impossible for death to keep its hold on him. ²⁵ David said about him:

**“I saw the Lord always before me.
Because he is at my right hand,
I will not be shaken.**

²⁶ Therefore my heart is glad and my tongue rejoices;
my body also will rest in hope,

²⁷ because you will not abandon me to the realm of the dead,
you will not let your holy one see decay.

²⁸ You have made known to me the paths of life;
you will fill me with joy in your presence.’

²⁹ “Fellow Israelites, I can tell you confidently that the patriarch David died and was buried, and his tomb is here to this day. ³⁰ But he was a prophet and knew that God had promised him on oath that he would place one of his descendants on his throne.

³¹ Seeing what was to come, he spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, that he was not abandoned to the realm of the dead, nor did his body see decay.

³² God has raised this Jesus to life, and we are all witnesses of it.

Psalm 16 Responsive

¹ Keep me safe, my God,
for in you I take refuge.

² **I say to the LORD, "You are my Lord;
apart from you I have no good thing."**

³ **I say of the holy people who are in the land,
"They are the noble ones in whom is all my delight."**

⁴ Those who run after other gods will suffer more and more.
I will not pour out libations of blood to such gods
or take up their names on my lips.

⁵ **LORD, you alone are my portion and my cup;
you make my lot secure.**

⁶ **The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places;
surely I have a delightful inheritance.**

⁷ I will praise the LORD, who counsels me;
even at night my heart instructs me.

⁸ I keep my eyes always on the LORD.
With him at my right hand, I will not be shaken.

⁹ **Therefore my heart is glad and my tongue rejoices;
my body also will rest secure,**

¹⁰ **because you will not abandon me to the realm of the dead,
nor will you let your faithful one see decay.**

¹¹ You make known to me the path of life;
you will fill me with joy in your presence,
with eternal pleasures at your right hand.

This is the Word of the Lord!
Thanks be to God!

† Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, Amen.

† Hymn: The Day of Resurrection

Offertory

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings
Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee
Prayer of Thanksgiving

arr: Joel Raney

† Doxology

Praise God from Whom all blessings flow,
Praise Him all creatures here below.
Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts,
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Second Scripture Readings

(Reader: (Carolyn Sharpe)

1 Peter 1:3-9 Responsive

³Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, ⁴and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade.

This inheritance is kept in heaven for you, ⁵who through faith are shielded by God's power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time.

⁶In all this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials. ⁷These have come so that the proven genuineness of your faith—of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire—may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed.

⁸**Though you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy, ⁹for you are receiving the end result of your faith, the salvation of your souls.**

John 20:19-31 Responsive

¹⁹ On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" ²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord.

²¹ Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you." ²² And with that he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive anyone's sins, their sins are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven."

²⁴ Now Thomas (also known as Didymus), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. ²⁵ So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord!"

But he said to them, "Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe."

²⁶ A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!"

²⁷ Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe."

²⁸ Thomas said to him, "My Lord and my God!"

²⁹ Then Jesus told him, "Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

³⁰ Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book.

³¹ But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

This is the Word of the Lord!
Thanks be to God!

Sermon: Why Death Could Not Hold Jesus

Dr. James N. McGuire

Pastoral Prayer

† Hymn: I Know Whom I Have Believed

† Responsive Litany (Job 19:23-27)

Pastor: “Oh, that my words were recorded, that they were written on a scroll, that they were inscribed with an iron tool on lead, or engraved in rock forever!

People: I know that my redeemer lives, and that in the end he will stand on the earth.

Pastor: And after my skin has been destroyed, yet in my flesh I will see God;

People: I myself will see him with my own eyes—I, and not another.

Unison: How my heart yearns within me!

†Benediction

† Welcome, Announcements and Prayers

Again remember to mail your tithes and offerings to keep us on budget. Please enclose your offering envelope in another envelope. You may send it to the church or to Pastor McGuire’s home at 48028 Andover Dr., Novi, MI 48374. (Your checks may not be deposited every week, but if you have a question, feel free to call Bev Thompson about it.)

Pastor: Dr. James N. McGuire

Music Director: Dr. Eric Roth

To our visitors: We hope our worship enables you to draw near to God through Christ Jesus, and that you are blessed to share this time with us. We would be happy to hear from you.

During the coronavirus crisis, we will not meet together. Our service will be available on Facebook and YouTube. The links will be sent by email. If we do not have your email, please send it to Bev at cpcnovi@gmail.com

In Need of Prayer

Cindy Bemis, Engebretson's daughter
Renate Hartig
George Donoian and family
Carolyn Krueger's son, Chuck
Yvonne Ray
Pat Grad's grandson, Luke age 12
Gail Nastwold
Jen Freese, her family and Maya
Jen's 100 y/o friend, Adele
Brett Johnson, Nancy's son
Lyndsay, daughter of the Sharpes
Don Rende's brother, Bob
David, friend of Cindy Taaffee
Bruce, friend of the Clay family
Jim, Gary, Marion, friends of Szczepanek's
Linda Szczepanek
Cody, grandson of Carolyn Krueger
Cheri Boone's sister's family
Bruce Hartley, employment
Alberta Weaver, at home
Colleen, friend of Kelly Rende
Diana, Metzners' daughter
Tom & Carol Metzner

In Need of Prayer

Brenda Cook, sister Lois, & daughter Tiffany
Priscilla, sister of Pat Grad
Avery, niece of Teresa Lisowski
Carol, Bev Thompson's cousin
Judy Hutson
Julia Rende
Tracy, friend of Bunny Rector
Andrew, friend of Bodnars, Guillain-Barré syndrome
Randy, friend of Bodnars
Tim, cancer, nephew of Janet Young
Judy All, relative of the Chernenkoffs
Lauren, niece of Ron Lisowski
Kelly Rende's friend Rich, family care burden
Jack, cousin of Patty Bodnar, pancreatic cancer
Employment for Gabriel and Tammy
Unbelieving children in our families
Elaine Clay's cousin, Alexis
Angie O'Dell, Ray Johnson, Karen Isles, Claudine Sordyl, Manuel & Astrid Valdivieso, and all healthcare and first responders
The Klein Family in death of his mother, 3/28/20
Sean & Krystal Murphy in the death of his cousin

Audio Sermons can be heard on the church website:
<http://christ-presbyterianchurch.org>

Monthly need: \$17,083.00
April giving so far: \$4,680 including \$100 given toward the mortgage due in Oct.
Thank you for your generosity.

Our Military: Justin, deployed to Qatar; Metzners' grandson; Bryan, relative of Teresa Lisowski, deployed to Iraq. *Pray for God's protection of girls/women and intervention to stop the human sex trafficking in our state.*

Pray for healthcare workers and first responders who constantly risk their lives to care for the sick.

Heidelberg Catechism: Q 92 (Continued). What does the Lord say in his law? **A.** The Third Commandment: You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain, for the Lord will not hold him guiltless who takes his name in vain.